

REMARKS

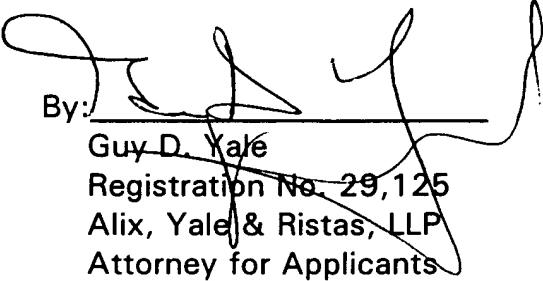
Applicants respectfully traverse the issuance of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment since Applicants submitted with their filing papers a completely redrafted specification which incorporated all amendments.

Nevertheless, Applicants respectfully submit the following items: a clean version of the replacement paragraphs/sections as required under 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii); and a clean version of the amended claims as required under 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).

In summary, Applicants have addressed each of the rejections within the present Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment 37 CFR 1.121. It is believed the application fully complies with all provisions of 37 CFR 1.121.

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